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## ARCAL LODGE RESIDENTS SEE THE QUEEN

*by Councillor Tina Westwood*

My special memory of Sedgley is the day the Queen visited the area on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1977, as part of her Silver Jubilee Celebrations. At this time my family were supporting the Friends of Arcal Lodge, a residential care home for old people situated in Arcal Street.

Due to the visit and the excitement that surrounded it, it was agreed that the residents would be given the opportunity to welcome the Queen as she drove through Sedgley. We had a special place for the residents so they had a prime view of the Queen passing by.

It was a glorious day and there were many people lining the route. We carried chairs to the roadside for the residents and helped them get from the home to their viewing point and awaited the Queen's arrival.

The residents who were there found the whole event very exciting and were happy to be involved in the build-up. The Queen had been informed that the residents would be lining the route at the chosen spot. When the Queen's car approached the residents it slowed to a near stop, which enabled the residents from Arcal Lodge to have a prime view of the Her Majesty.

She waved towards them and then moved on - it was fantastic to witness the pleasure this gave the residents of Arcal Lodge and also the pride that was shown by the residents of Sedgley.

There were a great number of people from all over the Sedgley area lining the streets; the enthusiastic cheers and welcome they gave the Queen was most impressive.



**Images from the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977**